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**Soviet-Pakistani Relations (U)****Summary**

Moscow appears to have become increasingly irritated by Pakistan's support for the Afghan insurgents, and its role in mobilizing Islamic opinion against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Over the last six months, the Soviets appear to have been groping for ways to curtail Pakistani support for the insurgents without expanding their own problems in the region. Islamabad, however, has not responded.

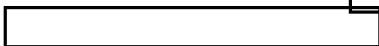
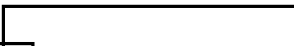
This intransigence has led Moscow to step up its diplomatic and propaganda pressure against Islamabad and undertake small-scale military actions. Moscow is constrained, however, by a number of factors from escalating its military pressure against Islamabad—the risk of widening the war, further alienating both Muslim and West European countries, driving the United States closer to China, and reviving the US-Pakistani alliance. But should the situation in Afghanistan deteriorate swiftly and Soviet military operations be threatened, Moscow may feel compelled to act more forcefully against Pakistan.



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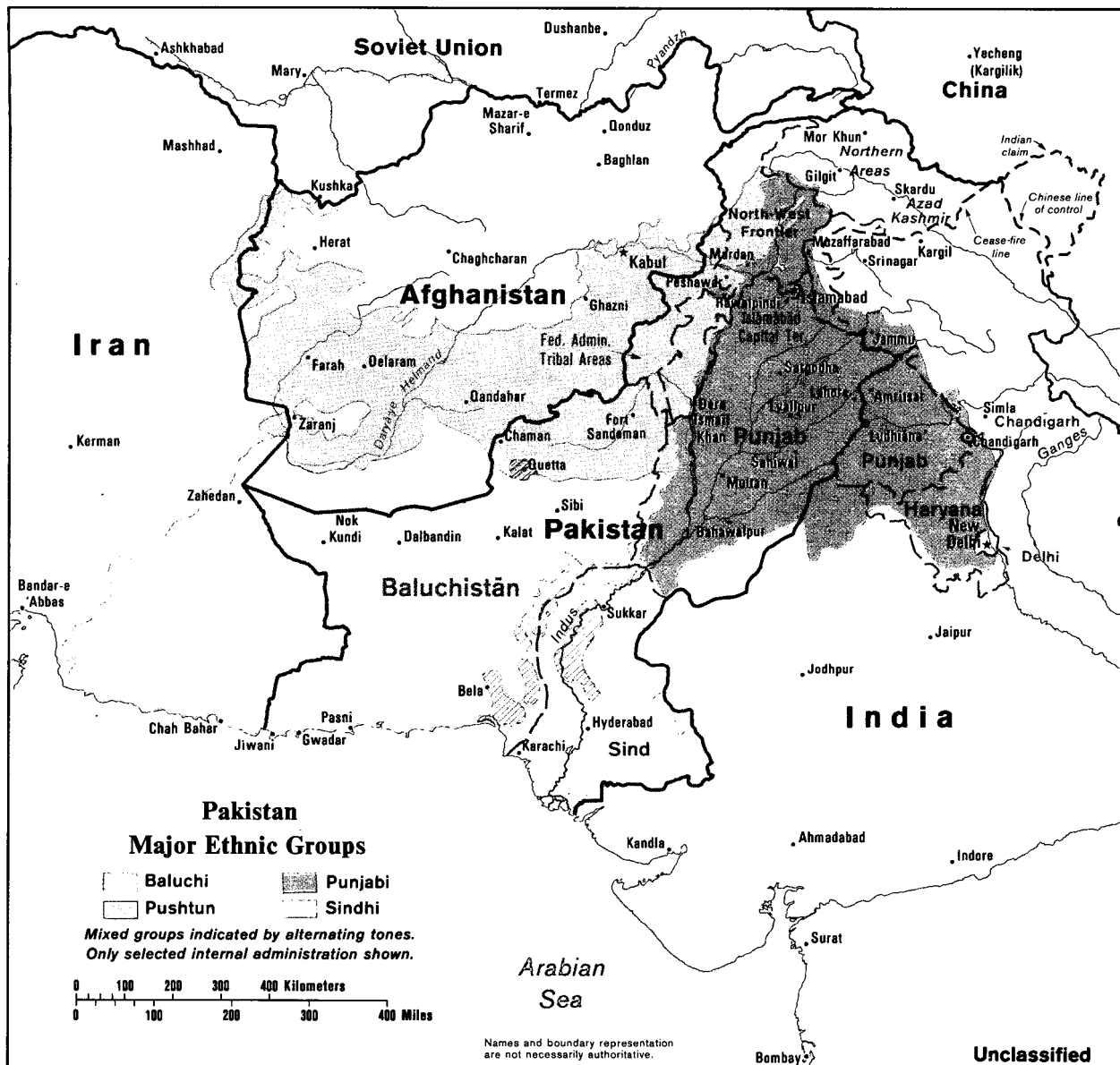
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